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FOR H PASS SENATOR HOLLINGS

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SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR SENATOR HOLLINGS

PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SENATOR HOLLINGS FROM THE
AMBASSADOR.

DEAR SENATOR HOLLINGS:

I HAVE YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 9, IN WHICH YOU
MAKE FURTHER INQUIRY ON BEHALF OF MR. NGUYEN VAN DINH.
SINCE MY JULY 1 INTERIM REPLY TO YOUR INITIAL REQUEST,
WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT NGUYEN VAN DE, THE COUSIN OF
YOUR VIETNAMESE FRIEND, IS NOT CARRIED ON THE FRENCH
DIPLOMATIC LIST AND THAT THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY
DOES NOT MAINTAIN A REGISTER OF ALL FRENCH GOVERNMENT
LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN VIETNAM. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE
AGAIN CONTACTING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH THE REQUEST
THAT FURTHER EFFORTS, THROUGH FRENCH OFFICIALS NOW
STATIONED IN VIETNAM, BE MADE TO LOCATE NGUYEN VAN DE.

IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, I SUGGEST THAT
MR. NGUYEN VAN DINH CONTACT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
ON THIS MATTER. IT, IN TURN, WOULD THEN GET IN TOUCH
WITH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS WHICH COULD RELAY THE
REQUEST TO THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS. IT HAS BEEN OUR
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EXPERIENCE THAT THE RED CROSS CHANNEL IS THE MOST
EFFECTIVE ONE IN CASES OF THIS SORT.

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT I SHALL WRITE YOU AS SOON
AS WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

WITH BEST REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

KENNETH RUSH

DECEMBER 21, 1976

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